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FINANCIAL REPORTS

OF

PETERBORO', N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1,

1872.

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SCHOOL REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee respectfully submit the following Report :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, { Joseph Farnum,
John Wilder,
Allison G. Howe.

First Dep't, Summer and Fall Terms.

Teacher—Miss MARTHA R. WILDER.

This was Miss Wilder's first experience as teacher in this school. She has taught several other schools in town and always proved herself to be an able and faithful teacher. During the summer term of this school, the conduct and progress of the scholars was satisfactory ; but a spirit of indifference on the part of the scholars interfered with the success of the fall term.

Winter Term.

Teacher—Miss ELLEN FORBUSH.

The placing of a lady teacher in this school for the winter term, was considered a doubtful experiment by many persons in the district, but the result has proved the wisdom of the committee's course in this case. Owing to the want of any general system of study in our village schools, our teachers are over-

worked. This is especially true of the upper school. We are convinced that the best which the present condition of things will allow, was accomplished in this school this winter. Miss Forbush exhibited rare qualities as an instructor.

Second Dep't, Summer and Fall Terms.

Teacher—Miss MARINDA K. PARKER.

This was Miss Parker's third season in this school. She labored this season with her usual industry and faithfulness, and with fair results. We felt that in Arithmetic, especially, the attempt had been to go over too much ground.

Winter Term.

Teacher—Mrs. ELLEN R. PAGE.

The committee were very fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Page for this school, as by nature and culture she is rarely fitted for the work of a teacher. She labored with an industry that could only have been prompted and sustained by love for the work, and succeeded remarkably in awakening and sustaining her own earnestness in the minds of all her pupils.

Third Dep't, Summer and Fall Terms.

Teacher—Mrs. E. J. HALE.

Mrs. Hale had the advantage of being thoroughly acquainted with her school, having taught the same school for several years in succession. This enabled her to enter upon her work more readily than is possible in the case of a new teacher. The successful

management of this school requires great tact, patience and inventive power on the part of the teacher. In no one of our schools is first-class ability, on the part of the teacher, more essential than in this. As usual, Mrs. Hale gave good satisfaction in her work.

Winter Term.

Teacher—Miss M. AGNES AMES.

The committee were also fortunate in the selection of Miss Ames for this school. She exhibited great zeal and tact in the management of the school, and progress was the result. Miss Ames' ability to conduct singing, was an especial advantage in this school. The usual crowded condition of this, as well as the other departments of the school, suggest the immediate necessity of organizing another department.

GENERAL REMARKS RESPECTING THE SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT NO. 1.

The people of this district have reason to congratulate themselves upon the success of their winter schools, the more so, because the teachers were all new in their positions. But it should cause the cheek of every man in this district to burn with shame, to know that the ladies who have taught the schools, heretofore taught by men with indifferent success, have received less than two-thirds as much for the same work. It is a happy provision of God's Providence, that until a community has learned to be just, it cannot be successful.

Provided the people will show a generous pride and care in the matter, we have all the conditions in

this district for schools of the first quality, and we believe that it would greatly assist the business, growth and prosperity of our village, if we could but win this character for our schools. But as one means in the securing of this result, a system of study somewhat in harmony with the system in practice in our High School should be adopted. Too much, at present, the success of our schools is dependent upon the favorable disposition of the scholars towards their teacher. We believe it possible to so organize our schools that whatever the disposition of the scholars towards their teacher, a certain measure of success will be inevitable. It is evident, also, to your committee, that the people of this district will need to consider very soon, the matter of a new school building; and also the matter of establishing a fourth school. The number of scholars the past winter exceeded the provision of suitable accommodations, and over tasked the strength of the teachers.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, Mr. George Bruce.

Summer Term.

Teacher—Miss ANN M. GRIMES.

Miss Grimes as a teacher was characterized by a quiet modesty, which required more than one short term to make its due impression upon a school, many of whose members were backward and dull. She was faithful and devoted, and on the whole produced fair results.

Winter Term.

Teacher—Mr. ALBERT S. HOWARD.

This was Mr. Howard's first experience in teaching. He manifested energy and enthusiasm in the work; aimed to lead the scholars to think for themselves. We believe in this method, though it is not favorable to an immediate show of results.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Isaac White.

Summer Term.

Teacher—Mrs. ELLEN R. PAGE.

There could not fail of being good work accomplished under this teacher. The scholars of this school were of a character to give ready response to their teacher's enthusiasm and wit.

Winter Term.

Teacher—Mr. CHARLES C. BRUCE.

This was Mr. Bruce's first experience in teaching. We were pleased with his method and appearance in school, and believe that he possesses the elements of more than an average teacher. The term was short, but the examination showed that the time had been well employed.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee, Mr. T. M. Longley.

Summer and Winter Terms.

Teacher—Miss BELLE HUTCHINSON.

Good success attended the efforts of this teacher.

As a general thing, the scholars of this school show that their education is a matter of serious concern to the parents of the district.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Charles Varnum.

Summer and Winter Terms.

Teacher—Miss JOSIE R. HOVEY.

This school was respectable as to numbers and character. The teacher was earnest and efficient, and seemed, upon the visitations of the committee, to be doing a good work.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee, Mr. B. P. Darling.

Summer Term.

Teacher—Miss M. F. HARDING.

This district has secured to itself the unenviable reputation of possessing the most difficult school in town. This is a condition of things that parents and scholars should set themselves at once to reform. Considering the unfavorable circumstances under which she labored, Miss Harding achieved a fair success. She was greatly embarrassed in her work, by a want of uniformity in the text books used.

Winter Term.

Teacher—Mr. GEORGE C. DUNCAN.

Mr. Duncan was a young man without any previous experience as a teacher. He evidently labored faithfully and conscientiously to fulfil his duties; but the

result of his efforts did not satisfy himself nor the committee. He found it too difficult to secure the good order and devotion to study which are essential to the success of a school. This school ought to be, and may be made to become one of the best schools in town. Its location is convenient, healthy and pleasant. The number of its pupils is respectable and the material good. The committee earnestly recommend that tried and experienced teachers be hereafter employed in this school, and that all its citizens unite in judicious co-operation to make it what it should be—an honor to themselves and a blessing to their children.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee, Mr. S. Whiting Vose.

Summer Term.

Teacher—Miss ELLA F. NUTTING.

This was a pleasant school, though too small, numbering but five or six pupils. Miss Nutting was capable and faithful, and her work was satisfactory. She was unwilling to re-engage another term in a school so very small.

Fall Term.

Teacher—Miss EMILIE A. GOWING.

This school was larger than usual this term, and excellent work was accomplished. Miss Gowing is a thoroughly accomplished teacher.

Winter Term.

Teacher—Miss NELLIE E. ADAMS.

School still in progress and doing well.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Joel Hadley.

Summer and Winter Terms.

Teacher—Miss EMMA J. NAHOR.

This school is so small as to embarrass the work of the teacher; but Miss Nahor showed quite wonderful industry and energy under the circumstances, and accomplished a good work.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Prudential Committee, Mr. James E. Saunders.

Summer Term.

Teacher—Miss E. M. WOOD.

We consider Miss Wood a teacher of the very first accomplishments in many respects, but through an unfortunate lack of sympathy between teacher, scholars and parents, her work in this school was not the success that her ability gave reason to expect.

Fall Term.

Teacher—Miss ELLEN FORBUSH.

This term was for the smaller scholars of the district, and the work accomplished was most excellent throughout.

Winter Term.

Teacher—Mr. DANIEL M. WHITE.

This school was marked for the excellent order maintained, and for the thoroughness of the work accomplished.

We question whether the present system of grading in this district quite serves the purpose. An arbitrary division, according to the age of scholars, does not always enable a teacher to economize time and effort, which should be one of the chief objects aimed at in grading a school. Some discretion should be allowed to the committee, so that scholars can be distributed according to their qualifications. The system would then present some incentive for exertion to the minds of the scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Willard S. Carey.

Teacher—Miss EMMA J. NAHOR.

This school is still in progress and is in good hands.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Joshua Richardson.

Summer Term.

Teacher—Miss ABBIE J. WHEELER.

The labors of this teacher, though she was young and without previous experience in teaching, were quite satisfactory. The parents and pupils gave her their confidence and sympathy, which every teacher needs, to be truly successful.

Winter Term.

Teacher—Miss ELLEN F. KNIGHT.

A fair progress was made in this school. The examination showed that both teacher and scholars had labored faithfully and earnestly.

GENERAL REMARKS.

TEXT BOOKS.

There is a want of uniformity in the text books that are use in our schools; not only in the case of different districts, but in the same school. In one of our schools the past year, owing to the diversity of books used, the teacher was obliged to have six different classes in geography. In this way the teacher is over worked to no purpose. We would suggest that, by a vote of the town, a list of text books should be determined upon. It would be a great saving to the public, if by some action of the Legislature or the State Board of Education, a uniform list of books could be established throughout the state.

HIRING OF TEACHERS.

We believe that it would be for the welfare of our schools if the district system could be so far abolished, as to place the hiring of all the teachers in the hands of the Superintending Committee. As it is now, teachers are hired before they are examined, and often do not present themselves for examination till just before the commencement of their schools. This renders the duty of the Superintending Committee, in the case of a failure to pass an examination, very unpleasant.

But while the present system holds, we would urge upon Prudential Committees, the fact that true economy does not always consist in getting the teacher that can be had for the least money. Better six weeks of first-class work than twelve of poor work. Hold on, therefore, to good teachers when you have found them, and be willing to pay a premium for their services.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Your committee would testify to the good influence which the establishment of a High School in Peterboro' has already begun to exert upon the schools of a lower grade. We believe that this is but the commencement of good things for the cause of education and the general prosperity of our community, provided the High School is liberally sustained. That it will be sustained, we have no doubt, for we believe in the people.

Respectfully submitted,

I. F. PORTER, } Superintending
LEVI DODGE, } Committee.

TABULAR VIEW OF WINTER SCHOOLS.

Districts.

NAMES OF TEACHERS.

		Length of school in weeks.	Number of pupils.	Males.	Females.	Average Attendance.	Dismissals.	Not absent one-half day.	Reading.	Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Algebra.	Grammar.	Geography.	Composition.	History.	Physiology.	Other Studies.	Wages of teacher per month.	Visits by Supt'g Committee.	Visits by Prudential Committee.	Visits by citizens and others.
1	{	Miss Ellen Forbush.....	1256	31	25	48	177	750	50	55	40	33	13	6	32	3	48						
		Mrs. Ellen R. Page.....	1261	28	33	54	36	201	61	60	61	30	11	44	28	8	125						
		Miss M. Agnes Ames.....	1261	38	23	45	66	16	14	61	61	30	210	4	28	5	54						
2		Mr. Albert S. Howard.....	925	19	6	21	9	521	20	14	18	511	37	2	39	2	33						
3		Mr. Charles C. Bruce.....	815	17	4	18	9	4	919	19	10	19	3	4	22	2	1						
4		Miss Belle Hutchinson.....	910	8	2	7	16	3	110	10	7	10	1	511	22	1	9						
5		Miss Josie R. Hovey.....	720	12	8	16	27	5	320	20	6	16	216	22	38	6	26						
6		Mr. George C. Duncan.....	1040	23	17	33	74	34	440	40	18	31	6	6	22	2	13						
7	{	Miss Emilie A. Gowing.....	814	7	7	10	17	3	314	14	14	14			22	2							
		Miss Nellie E. Adams.—Not finished.....																					
8		Miss Emma J. Nabor.....	10	7	4	3	6	5	7	7	2	5	2	2	22	2	1	16					
9		Mr. Daniel M. White.....	1234	17	17	32	11	514	34	34	33	33	19	24	52	4	35						
10		Miss Emma J. Nabor.—Not finished.....																					
11		Miss Ellen F. Knight.....	1014	5	9	12	21	16	414	14	12	12	1	7	18	3	1	12					

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT.

The High School established in March last, by vote of the town, was opened in August, the Academy building having been leased for that purpose. A course of study, and regulations for the admission of pupils and the government of the school are to be published each year.

The school has been in progress only two terms, under the charge of T. P. Maryatt, A. B., as principal. This gentleman has brought to the discharge of his duties, experience in teaching, ripe scholarship, and rare ability to govern. Under his judicious management the school has maintained a high standard, and more than met the expectation of its friends. The examinations evinced good progress on the part of the scholars, and just instruction by the principal.

The reputation of the school for good deportment is well deserved. The attachment of the scholars to their teacher has been equalled only by his devotion to their interests in and out of school hours. The influence of this school upon the district schools in town, in stimulating scholars in their studies, and in exerting an honorable ambition to do well, has been marked.

Your committee believe the High School will prove a great good in the direction of sound learning, and prove a wise disbursement of the money needed for its support.

FIRST TERM.

Whole number in attendance,	48
Average daily attendance,	46½
Whole number of tardy marks for the term,	10
Number of days absence,	96

SECOND TERM.

Whole number in attendance,	49
Average daily attendance,	47½
Whole number of tardy marks for the term,	16
Number of days absence,	97

Scholars are marked tardy if they come in after the bell ceases to toll. Of the 97 days' absence, 54 at least were caused by sickness; 26 of the others were occasioned by a scholar's being out of town.

Eight of the fall term scholars did not attend during the winter term. Nine new ones were admitted at the beginning of the winter term.

Age of oldest scholar in December, 1871,	20 years, 7 months.
" " young't " " " "	12 " 5 "
Average age of " " " "	15 " 2½ "

Received of Town Treasurer,	\$1200 00
Received in tuition,	20 00

Amount received,	\$1220 00
Paid salary of Principal,	\$666 67
Repairs on the academy,	121 75
Care of the academy and wood,	36 58
Incidental expenses,	61 25—886 25

Leaving in our hands,	\$333 75
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A. S. SCOTT,	} Committee,
GEO. DUSTAN,	
ALBERT SAWYER.	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RENDERED MARCH 1st, 1872.

E. H. SMITH, Treasurer, in acct. with the town of Peterborough.

DEBTOR.

Balance on hand from last year,	\$ 1889 33	
Borrowed money,	27668 27	
Town bonds issued,	24900 00—	\$54457 60
Rent of Town House :		
Upper hall,	52 00	
J. R. Miller,	152 00	
Smith & Stewart,	382 49	
Marshall Nay,	98 66	
Town hall,	85 00—	770 15
Tax list, 1871,	21494 37	
Dog tax, “	70 00—	21564 37
E. M. Smith, collector,		2360 21
Savings Bank tax,	2857 96	
Railroad tax,	45 72	
Literary fund,	142 80	
Insurance tax,	46 13—	3092 61
Old junk,	11 00—	11 00
Chas. A. Ames, lots in new cemetery,	65 75	
J. H. Steele, “ “ “ “	47 00—	112 75
Abatements of Selectmen,		10 76
Interest on bonds sold,		27 70
		\$82407 15

CREDIT.

State tax,	\$5682 00
County tax,	1792 13—\$7474 13

Schools.

High School,	\$1200 00
District No. 1,	873 20
" " 2,	163 40
" " 3,	148 08
" " 4,	87 85
" " 5,	84 96
" " 6,	145 95
" " 7,	132 62
" " 8,	78 57
" " 9,	268 45
" " 10,	53 69
" " 11,	71 67
Hancock,	6 06— 3314 50

Library.

Insurance,	\$37 50
Town appropriation,	75 00
Repairing books,	63 27— \$175 77

Stationery and Printing.

Farnum & Scott, town reports and printing,	\$86 75
John A. Cummings & Co., blank book,	11 40
John H. Bufford, town bonds,	100 00— \$198 15

Repairs on Town House.

S. S. Hardy, labor in town hall,	\$ 23 50
E. W. Clerk, repairing gutters on roof,	169 10
L. P. Wilson, painting town hall,	75 00
Smith & Stewart, hardware for town hall,	26 58
G. W. Marden, repairing plastering in hall,	2 85
Charles Barber, slate for roof of town house,	4 00
A. Fuller, repairs on town house,	29 83— 330 86

Insurance on Town House.

R. B. Hatch,	\$75 00
E. M. Smith,	75 00— \$150 00

Repairing Highways.

Asa Davis, agent,	\$904 87
Rufus Forbush,	2 50
Geo. A. Hayward,	13 00
Wm. Upton,	7 50
G. W. Farrar,	4 42
David Gould,	1 00
G. Bassett,	10 80
Stephen D. Robbe,	36 50
Willard Carey, agent,	37 44
S. P. Longley,	13 00
W. L. Baldwin,	36 87
W. S. Treadwell, agent,	45 25
J. M. Ramsey, agent,	73 00
Thomas Little, agent,	50 89
John M. Collins,	8 21
S. W. Vose, agent,	55 00
J. H. Vose,	3 25
Benj. Crosby,	46 12
Chas. H. Varnum, agent,	44 27
Franklin Field, agent,	133 20
Alfred Barber,	2 00
F. A. Tarbell,	16 50
David Blanchard,	12 50
S. W. Piper,	7 00
J. N. Dodge, agent,	43 50
Henry S. Carter,	7 00
Samuel W. Taggart,	10 00
A. T. Hovey,	11 25
E. G. Howard,	3 75
B. F. Smiley, agent,	28 50
Joshua Richardson, agent,	90 44
John Smith,	35 22
J. W. Macomber,	33 77
Geo. Shedd,	24 00
Chas. W. Hunter,	27 50
Horace Evans, agent,	73 10
John Stewart,	4 00
Daniel Edes, agent,	23 25
C. A. Frost,	2 00
D. M. McClenning,	112 58
John D. Diamond,	5 00
B. P. Darling,	5 00
S. P. Longley,	3 75
Jackson Clement,	4 00—\$2112 70

Building New Highways.

H. Dorman, building road near D. K. Hood's,	\$3 00
Samuel Knight, building road near ledge,	66 25
Thomas Dougherty, building road near D. K. Hood's,	125 00— \$194 25

Repairing Bridges.

Sampson Washburn,	\$ 1 75
Union Manufacturing Company,	2 68
B. F. Smiley,	7 75
B. P. Darling,	2 57
J. Q. Adams,	91 25
N. & W. Russell,	124 50
J. H. Vose,	16 82
Henry McGukin,	3 25
H. A. Barker,	2 00
Franklin Field,	9 82
C. W. Hunter,	2 00
J. O. Nay,	3 00
Joseph Davis,	11 50
Charles Barber,	9 00
Daniel Edes,	11 12
J. N. Dodge,	4 00
Oliver Bacon,	1 65
J. E. May,	6 00
Gowing & Washburn,	61 40
A. F. Gowing,	15 00
Horace Evans,	6 00
J. S. Treadwell,	2 00— \$395 06

Fire Department.

J. R. Miller, oil and alcohol,	\$23 25
Lorenzo Holt, varnishing Aquarius Engine,	10 00
Aquarius Engine Company,	27 00
Deluge " "	27 00
F. A. Tracy & Co., oil and alcohol,	10 25
S. Tenney, curtains for Aquarius Engine house,	4 25
E. W. McIntosh, straps for Engine,	6 75
Geo. S. Clark, care of Aquarius Engine,	20 50
A. Fuller, funnel, &c.,	5 95— \$134 95

Improvements to New Cemetery.

Geo. W. Marden, whitewashing fence,	\$61 34
J. H. Vose, lumber,	2 10

A. T. Hovey, labor,	\$4 50	
Dalphon Osborn, labor,	1 50	
Patrick O'Keefe, stone posts,	32 40—	\$101 84

Recording Births and Deaths.

J. H. Cutler, M. D.,	\$6 00	
W. D. Chase, “	2 75	
Levi Dodge, “	5 50	
H. H. Smith, “	25—	\$14 50

Repairs on Hearse.

G. W. Farrar, wood and iron work,	\$61 50	
Lorenzo Holt, painting,	25 70—	\$87 20

Town Clock.

David Smiley, care of clock,	\$30 00	
E. Jones, ringing and tolling bell,	15 00	
S. W. Piper, labor on clock,	5 00—	\$50 00

Watering Troughs.

H. A. Kimball,	\$3 00—	\$3 00
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Damages.

Asa Twitchell, sheep killed by dog,	\$7 00	
John Kelley, injured from defect in highway,	6 00	
Cyrus Blanchard, land damage,	8 00—	\$21 00

Poor and Poor Farm.

Augustus Fuller, agent,	\$639 90—	\$639 90
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Highway Snow Bills.

Asa Twitchell,	\$1 74	
Benj. Owens,	1 75	
R. H. Wilder,	1 25	
Jerry Regan,	9 00—	\$13 74

Monadnock Railroad Company.

Town bonds,	\$10000 00	
Notes and interest,	31055 31—	\$41055 31

Notes and Interest.

Notes,	\$9973 95
Interest on notes,	817 15
Interest on bonds,	3665 50—\$14456 60
Town bonds on hand,	5000 00

Town Officers.

M. L. Morrison, selectman, 1870,	\$62 26
Charles Barber, " 1871,	78 00
J. Q. Adams, " "	127 80
E. W. McIntosh, " "	85 88
Thomas Little, overseer of poor, 1869,	2 50
C. A. Ames, clerk, 1870,	46 53
J. R. Miller, librarian,	50 00
Police, 1870,	25 00
E. M. Smith, collector,	71 67
E. H. Smith, treasurer,	100 00
Albert Frost, sexton,	152 25
J. H. Steele, clerk, 1871,	49 95
Police, 1871,	25 00—\$876 84

Discount on Taxes Collected.

Collected at 7 per cent., \$13812.54, discount	\$966 88
" " 5 " " 5765.69, " "	288 28—\$1255 16

Uncollected Taxes, Nov. 1st.

Transferred to Collector,	\$1809 52
Dog Tax " "	21 00—\$1830 52

Incidentals.

S. G. Hartshorn, wood for selectmen,	\$ 2 00
Putnam Park appropriation,	25 00
Refunded for use of hall, 1869-70,	27 00
Asa Davis, care of hall,	8 08
" insurance on farm buildings,	31 00
E. W. McIntosh, wood for selectmen,	4 00—\$97 08

Abatements.

Misses Fife, list of 1871,	\$ 3 56
Marshall Nay, " " "	12 46
Rufus Forbush, " " "	2 67

William Freeman, list of 1871,	\$1 68	
Rodney H. Wilder, " "	3 06	
Henry A. Barker, " "	2 67	
Chas. R. Richardson, " "	8 90	
Lydia Bullard, " "	5 34	
Milly Sawin, " "	5 34	
Mrs. Cannon, " "	2 67	
Town Farm, " "	62 69	
Mrs. Chas. Gray, " "	29 69	
John W. Holt, " "	3 00	
Samuel Carey, " "	8 90	
Joseph P. Creighton, dog,	1 00	
Abijah Richardson, " "	1 00	
Wm. E. Shattuck, list of 1871,	8 90	
Abijah Richardson, " "	40	
John T. Regan, dog,	1 00	
Peter Regan; list of 1870,	2 48	
Miles Robinson, " "	46	
Patrick Haffney, " "	2 48	
Frank W. Bullard, " 1871,	2 67	
Wm. Ramsey, " "	2 67—	\$175 68
		\$80158 74
Cash on hand,		2248 41
		\$82407 15

Recapitulation.

E. H. SMITH, Treasurer, DR.

To tax list and money received of Selectmen,	\$82407 15
CR.	
State and County tax,	\$7474 13
Schools,	3314 50
Library,	175 77
Stationery and printing,	198 15
Repairs on Town House,	301 03
Insurance on Town House,	150 00
Repairing Highways,	2112 70
Building new highways,	194 25
Repairing bridges,	395 06
Fire Department,	134 95
Improvements, New Cemetery,	101 84
Recording births and deaths,	14 50
Repairs on hearse,	87 20
Town clock,	50 00

Watering troughs,	3 00
Damages,	21 00
Poor and Poor Farm,	639 90
Highway snow bills,	13 74
Monadnock Railroad Co.,	41055 31
Notes and interests,	14456 60
Town bonds on hand,	5000 00
Town officers,	876 84
Discount on taxes collected,	1255 16
Uncollected taxes, Nov. 1,	1830 52
Incidentals,	97 08
Abatements,	175 68
Cash on hand,	2248 41-\$82407 15

E. H. SMITH, TOWN TREASURER.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

High School Committee in acct. with the town of Peterboro',
March 2, 1872 :

DR.

To money received of Town Treasurer,	\$1200 00
Tuition of scholars,	20 00
	\$1220 00

CR.

By salary paid Principal for two terms,	\$666 67
Repairs on Academy,	121 75
Incidentals,	61 25
Care of Academy and wood,	36 58
	\$886 25

A. S. SCOTT,
GEO. DUSTAN,
ALBERT SAWYER, } Committee.

TOWN LIABILITIES, MARCH 1, 1872.

Old town bonds,	\$45000 00
Interest on same to March 1, 1872,	450 00
New railroad bonds,	24900 00
Interest on same to March 1, 1872,	499 50
Notes and interest due sundry persons,	21310 14
Due Geo. A. Haywood, salary to April 1, 1872,	350 00
Outstanding coupons,	275 00—\$92782 64

Assets.

Uncollected taxes,	\$1015 08
Cash on hand,	2248 41
Due from United States as bounties,	1338 34
Rents due from Town House,	108 66
Due from Gilman May,	43 00
Bonds on hand,	5000 00
Town Hall building,	16000 00
Town Farm,	3600 00
Stock on farm,	935 00—\$30288 49
Balance against the town,	\$62494 15

CHAS. BARBER,	}	Selectmen
J. Q. ADAMS,	}	of
E. W. McINTOSH,	}	Peterboro'.

We, the undersigned, auditors of accounts, have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, Selectmen, accounts of the Highways, Overseer of the Poor and poor farm, and find them fully vouched and correctly cast.

JAMES SCOTT,	}	Auditors.
ALBERT SAWYER,	}	

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

RENDERED, MARCH 1, 1871.

A. FULLER, in account with the

TOWN OF PETERBORO'.

DEBTOR.

Invoice of Farm, Stock, &c., March, 1872.

Farm,	\$3600 00
Stock, tools, &c.,	2832 82
Interest on same,	385 95
Taxes,	62 69
Geo. A. Hayward,	350 00
Cash of Treasurer,	639 90—\$7871 36

CREDIT.

Invoice, March 1, 1871.

Farm,	\$3600 00
Stock :	
1 pair oxen,	\$160 00
11 cows and heifers,	283 00
2 steers,	65 00
1 bull,	40 00
5 three-year-olds,	90 00
6 two-year-olds,	100 00
4 yearlings,	32 00

1 horse,	135 00	
1 sheep,	3 00	
2 shoats,	12 00	
20 hens,	15 00—	\$935 00
Hay and fodder,	517 00	
Wood and lumber,	100 00	
Farming tools,	300 96	
Produce and provisions,	257 62	
Household furniture,	174 30—	\$1349 88
Geo. A. Hayward, salary to April 1, 1871,	\$300 00	
Dublin tax,	5 05	
A. Fuller, agent,	30 00	
Produce sold from farm,	78 84	
Debts due the farm,	34 00—	\$447 89
Persons assisted off the farm:		
County for insane,	\$221 63	
Mary Ritchie,	19 25	
Nathan Gould,	43 89	
Misses Fife,	23 50	
Joseph Felt,	75 43—	\$383 69
		\$6716 46
Balance against the town,		1154 90

Persons assisted on the farm, 1—fifty-two weeks.

A. FULLER, Overseer of Poor.

REPORT OF TOWN LIBRARY.

Books reported March, 1871,	2858	
Additions,	76	
		2934
Worn out and lost,		12
		2922

Receipts and Expenditures.

Balance from last year,	\$31 28	
Town appropriation for books,	75 00	
From town for repairs and incidentals,	63 27	
Sale of old books and paper,	60	
Fines,	19 54	
		\$189 69
Expended for new books,	\$93 77	
Repairing books,	55 50	
Paper for covers,	5 02	
Express, postage, &c.,	3 58	
		\$157 87
Balance,		
		\$31 82

Two books remain to be accounted for, but are probably mislaid; two have been lost, having been appropriated by persons who have removed from town. Five have not been returned in time for the annual inspection of the library. A donation of three books has been received from S. N. Haskell.

The library has been faithfully cared for, as it always has been by the present librarian, and is kept in as good condition as the very limited accommodations provided will allow. Many of the books are much worn, and there is need of large additions. The shelf room is entirely filled, and there is a pressing need of a larger and better room. By another year, at least, a change will be absolutely necessary.

Important as the library is to all classes, and especially to the young, it is worthy of a more generous support than has hitherto been given to it.

R. B. HATCH,	}	Library
A. M. PENDLETON,		Committee.

